

In the evening, at the International Monetary Fund building, the President met with G-20 finance ministers and central bank governors.

October 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, on the North Portico, the President and Mrs. Bush greeted Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy. Later, in the East Room, they and Prime Minister Berlusconi viewed entertainment.

October 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, and President Nicolas Sarkozy of France to discuss the global financial markets situation. Then, in the Roosevelt Room, he met with the President's Working Group on Financial Markets.

Later in the morning, in the Oval Office, the President participated in a bill signing ceremony for S. 3001, the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009. Later, he traveled to Arlington, VA, where, at the Pentagon, he participated in Defense Department briefings.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia to the White House on October 22.

October 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing followed by a meeting with Vice President Dick Cheney, who updated him on his heart condition and his upcoming hospital visit. Later, he traveled to Grand Rapids, MI, arriving in the afternoon. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada to congratulate him on his October 14 election victory and discuss the global financial markets situation.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Cindy

Leep. He then traveled to Ada, MI, where, at Schnitz Ada Grill, he had lunch with local business leaders. Later, at a private residence, he attended a Congressional Trust 2008 reception. He then returned to Washington, DC.

October 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at the State Department, he attended several briefings and met with State Department employees.

October 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released October 13

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 1532, H.R. 5350, H.R. 5618, H.R. 6199, H.R. 6229, H.R. 6338, H.R. 6849, H.R. 6874, S. 431, S. 1738, S. 3296, S. 3325, S. 3477, S. 3536, S. 3569, S. 3598, and S. 3605

Fact sheet: Protecting American Innovation

Released October 14

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino